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Preamble

Since its re-organization in 1973, the Northern Alberta Development Council has been developing avenues of communication for the people of the region in which to express their ideas and concerns regarding development of the North. In addition to public meetings and major conferences, the Council attempts to achieve its objective of providing advice to the Provincial Government by carrying out relevant, practically orientated research.

During the years 1975-84, the Council sponsored or co-sponsored some sixty-four studies examining a wide variety of topics. These studies have been summarized by Northern Development Branch and compiled into three volumes: Volume I: 1975-79; Volume II: 1980-82; Volume III: 1983-84. The purpose of the summaries is to give a capsule of information on each of the topics studied.

The topics are very diverse. Each project has its own unique history. Some originated in briefs submitted by members of the public to the Northern Alberta Development Council, at a monthly public meeting. Others evolved from the recommendations of seminars and conferences sponsored by the NADC. Still others came about following resolutions adopted by the NADC after several months of meetings and discussions on a particular topic. Also, research projects sponsored by the Council often reflected long-term Council goals and priorities for northern development.

Some additional points which may assist the reader are:

- The Northern Alberta Development Council is inclined toward action-oriented and problem-oriented research. For the Council, research is not an end in itself but a means to assist in the task of promoting improvements in the quality of life for northern Albertans.

- The NADC believes very strongly that it needs good information on hand if it is to be adequately prepared to make timely and relevant recommendations to the Alberta Government.

- One of the basic aims of the Northern Alberta Development Council is to encourage close working relationships between departments of the Alberta Government, through an ongoing practice of consultation between these departments and northern communities.

- Over the years, the Council has been listening to northerners through a variety of means. One of the recurrent messages the councillors hear is that as much information as possible should be made public. This is particularly true when citizens of the north give of their time and energy to answer surveys or meet with interviewers.

- The list of research reports outlined in this brochure includes all studies or research activities sponsored directly or indirectly by the Northern Alberta Development Council or its secretariat, the Northern Development Branch. Consequently, some of the projects were completed by the staff of the Branch, while others were contracted out to consultant firms. The list also includes studies which were cost-shared with other government departments, municipalities, industry or registered non-profit groups.

- The decision to use external consultants, as opposed to in-house research capabilities, is related to the purpose of the project and the time constraints of the Council's support staff (the Northern Development Branch), and the desire of the Council to support private sector research companies.

Although it is difficult to do anything without proper information, the Northern Alberta Development Council is very much aware of the concerns that arise in conducting research. Information dissemination, action on results, community reaction to "yet another study", possible concerns of government agencies -- these were among the topics addressed at a major Council-sponsored Research Review Seminar in June of 1981. A document entitled, "Guidelines for Research in Northern Alberta" has been issued by the Council which attempts to address many of these concerns. The Northern Alberta Development Council has also prepared handbooks to assist communities and volunteers in the understanding and conducting of their own research and the management of some of their community affairs. Two handbooks are available now; one on community impact assessment, another on interagency coordination. A third on the management of volunteer boards is being prepared.

Dissemination of Research

Requests for research summaries should be directed to:

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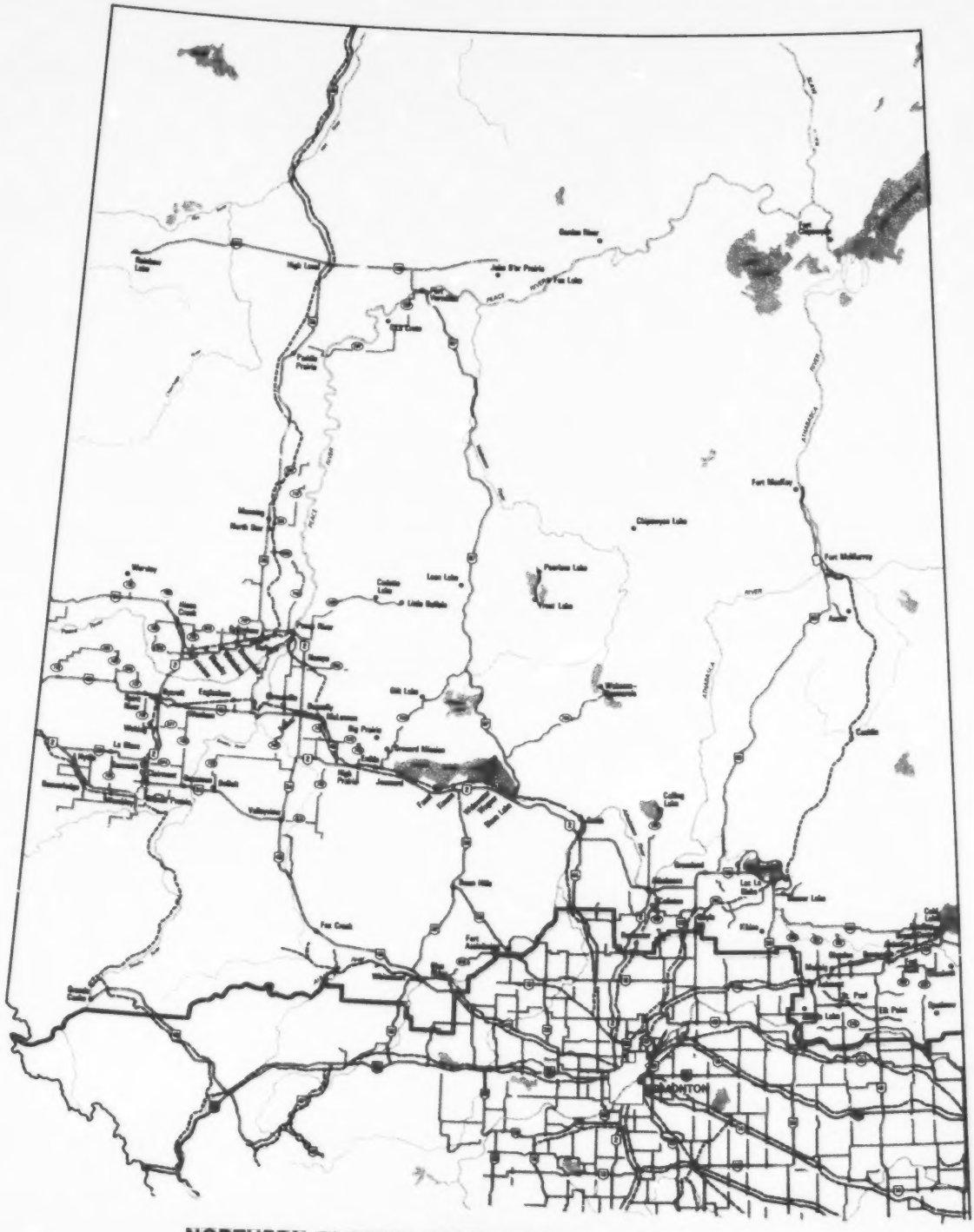

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PRIMARY HIGHWAY — SECONDARY ROAD — RAILWAY

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